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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	)	
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Balmer et al.	)	Examiner: Fischer, Justin R.
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Serial No.: 09/977,170	)	Art Unit: 1733
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Filed: October 12, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 2857
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For: JASPE PATTERN FLOORING	)	Docket No.: 0025
AND WELDING ROD	)	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.